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Applicant : Hiroshi Kowaki  
Filed : May 24, 2000  
Title : AUTOMOTIVE IN-CABIN AUDIO SYSTEM

Confirmation No. 4894

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**AMENDMENT**

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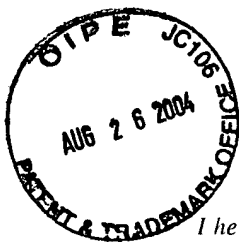
In response to the Office action of May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including copies of the cover sheets of three previously filed Information Disclosure Statements (with their respective PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A/B) is attached following page 21 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	35	*35	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	4	** 4	0	x \$43.00	x \$86.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 19, 30, 38, 46						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 09/578,355**

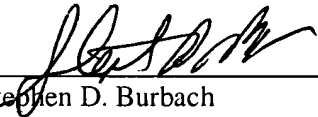
X Other enclosures: Appendix: Copies of 3 previously filed Information Disclosure Statements (May 24, 2000; November 22, 2002; December 6, 2002)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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